

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Kaneohe Bay Regional Council
April 5, 2006 Meeting

KBRC Representatives present:

John Morgan (Chairperson), William Sager, John Myrdal (on holdover assignment per Governor's letter dated 6/27/05), Kelvin Ching (on holdover assignment per Governor's letter dated 6/27/05), David Krupp, Kurt Mench (non-member present to represent Kahaluu NB until arrival of Robin Gay Makapagal – w/o voting rights), Robin Gay Makapagal (arrived late).

KBRC Representatives absent:

OHA position vacant

Public Present:

Brian & Sandra Kalahiki, Mark Mitsuyama, Robert W. Perreira, Jr., Clint M. Anderson, Jesse K. Mak., Stacy Hillen, Kainoa Iburra, Richard Silva, Maota A. Esau, Kalena Gerona, Joan Ishiki, Colleen Meyer, Earlean Kipapa Hussey, Stephen Chun, Hi'ilei Kawelo, Neil Morgan, Laura Morgan

Meeting convened at 7:07 pm.

Agenda Item 1, Minutes from 10/5/05 Meeting

Review of minutes. Minutes approved by council as written.

Agenda Item 2, Minutes from 1/4/06 Meeting

Review of minutes. Minutes approved by council as written.

Agenda Item 3, Presentation of :Marine Protected Area Policies”

Presentation by Mark Mitsuyasu and Tony Beeching about the “Marine Protected Area Policies”

Agenda Item 4, Presentation by DLNR Aquatics Resources Division

Presentation on marine managed areas passed over since no one present from Aquatic Resources

Agenda Item 5, Reports from council members:

Recreational Fishing Representative. No issues to report
Commercial Boating Representatives. No issues to report.
Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board Representative. No issues to report
Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Representative. No issues to report.
U.H./H.I.M.B. Representative. No issues to report.
Recreational Boating Representative. No issues to report.
OHA Representative. Position vacant.

Agenda Item 6, Report from DLNR/Boating

- Legislative resolution HCR 238 concerning requiring permits for flat-bottomed skiffs moored in Kaneohe Bay was discussed. Representative Colleen Meyer, stated that she introduced the measure as a means of addressing the problem of a barge-like vessel moored in Kahaluu that is the source of many complaints. DBOR representative asked audience in attendance to signify support or opposition to the current policy of not enforcing permitting requirement. Stated that enforcement of the rule may not result in removal of the barge since the definition of a flat-bottom vessel is broad and might allow the barge to become permitted. He further pointed out that the unintended result might be that the public would be inconvenienced and that the source of public consternation would remain as a legally permitted vessel. Representative Meyer indicated that the discussion was moot because the resolution was passed too late and therefore dead for this session. All agreed that the administrative rules relating to flat-bottomed boats needs to be amended but that it was a time consuming process.
- Legislative measures SB 2004 and SCR 98 were mentioned as relating to the sandbar known as "Ahu o Laka". Those measures were directed at preserving that feature from pollution and desecration. Members of the council expressed concern that those measures may result in new administrative rules that would adversely affect the public's ability to enjoy and recreate in the area. Several people testified that something should be done to prevent the reoccurrence of the large gatherings that were held several times in 2005. One person mentioned her concern about pollution in the area. The DBOR representative recounted an underwater survey that was conducted by his staff that found little pollution in the area. Several other members in the audience, including Kurt Mench and another person agreed that pollution was not a problem. Member John Myrdal made a motion for a resolution indicating the council's opposition to the legislative measures. Makapagal seconded. The chair opened the floor for discussion. Additional discussion supporting the motion took place. Member John Myrdal called for the question. Makapagal seconded. Council members unanimously voted to support the resolution to indicate its opposition to SB 2004 and SCR 98.

Agenda Item #7, Old Business:

- Status of approval/appointment of vacant positions of the Recreational Fishing Representative and the Recreational Boating Representative still pending at the Governor's office.
- Plans and measures regarding Ahu o Laka discussed above in Agenda Item #6, SB 2004 and SCR 98

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Oahu District Manager